



City of Lafayette Police Department

# Crime Bulletin

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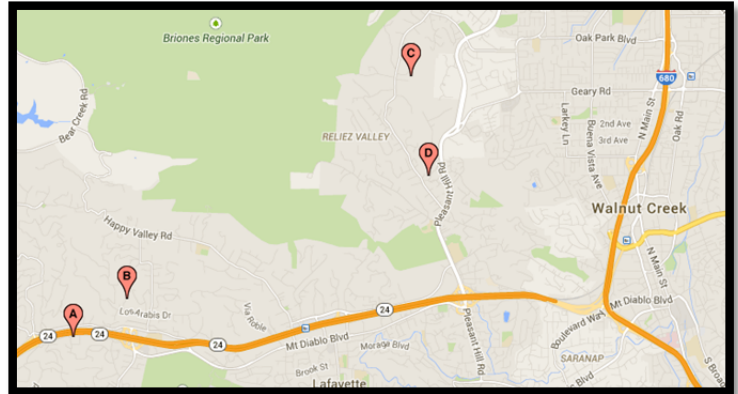


## Residential Burglaries

The City of Lafayette Police Department is providing this information about a series of crimes that recently occurred within the City. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform residents about the incidents and to obtain additional information to aid the police department in our investigation.

Over the last few days, there have been two attempted burglaries and two completed residential burglaries in the city. Although two of these burglaries may be associated, there are indications that there may have been three different criminal groups operating with the city to burglarize homes.

**WED (2/4/15) 4100 Block of Hidden Valley (1045 hrs.) (Suspicious Circumstance)** - A resident telephones police dispatch to report that a stranger was just at his door. The resident reported that an African-American Male, appx 25 years old, wearing a hoodie and dark clothes came to his door and asked for directions to the freeway. The neighbor was concerned because the freeway is easily seen from the front of his residence. The resident provided an excellent description of the suspect and of the vehicle that is associated with him - including the license plate of the vehicle. The neighbor reported the suspects were associated with a Gold Audi A6. (DR # 15-2018)



**WED (2/4/15) Los Arabis Circle (1030 hrs.) (Attempted Burglary)** - A resident returns home to find that the rear door of their home had been kicked-in. Although the door was breached, the door itself was blocked by a laundry basket from the inside - denying entry to the suspect(s). After kicking the door, the alarm system for the home was activated, alerting the suspects. The alarm company telephoned the resident, advising them of the alarm at 1030 hrs. The resident believed the alarm was false and requested the alarm service not contact law enforcement. After arriving home and finding the damage, the resident telephoned police to request assistance. (DR # 15-2026)

During this same time, there was a completed residential burglary in Orinda (just south of the Hidden Valley location). The suspect(s) in that burglary match the individual and vehicle descriptions provided by our Hidden Valley neighbor.

**FRI (2/6/15) 3300 Block of Hermosa Way (Reported at 1759 hrs.) (Residential Burglary)** - Resident returns home to find the glass from an exterior door broken. A second interior glass door is also found shattered within the home. After making entry to the home, the suspect appear to have grabbed the jewelry box from the master bedroom and fled the home. The home is equipped with an alarm, but it was not used. After a possible suspect vehicle was identified in the Green Valley Burglary (below), an image of the same vehicle was captured on a residential surveillance system near this home as well. (DR # 15-2159)

**FRI (2/6/15) Green Valley Court (Reported at 1806 hrs.) (Residential Burglary)** - Resident returns home and finds a rear glass door of the home shattered and the interior of the home searched. The suspects appear to have taken several items of property, but were unable to find any jewelry within the home. This neighborhood is protected by a community camera system. A review of this system provided a strong lead on the identity of the suspects who committed the burglary. (DR # 15-2164)



Los Arabis Circle damaged door



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**Investigation.** Our investigators have found links between the two burglaries that occurred on Friday (Reliez Valley). There has been nothing to associate the two incidents on Wednesday with each other. The Orinda Burglary was likely committed by the subject(s) who asked for directions from the homeowner on Hidden Valley. However, the means of attack (MO) is dissimilar to the means of entry used for the attempted burglary. This means we may have had three separate groups committing burglaries in the community last week. We have some terrific leads on the two burglaries committed in the Reliez Valley Area because of a community camera (owned and operated by the residents of the neighborhood). The HOA of that community recently installed a camera system that recorded the license plate number of vehicles as they left the neighborhood. The time frame from the Green Valley Video was then used to locate the same vehicle in the Hermosa Way neighborhood (because of a residential surveillance system). An image of the same vehicle was also captured on a neighborhood camera system in the area. This has provided our investigators with an excellent lead on who committed these burglaries. We are still sorting through the evidence from the incidents on Wednesday. A resident reported seeing the Gold Audi associated with the Hidden Valley Incident in the Los Arabis neighborhood.

**Here's what we are looking for:**

1. Any images (video or still) of a vehicle in the Los Arabis neighborhood on 2/4 from 0800 to 1200 hours.
2. Any images (vide or still) of a vehicle in the Hidden Valley / Acalanes neighborhood on 2/4 from 0800 to 1200 hours.
3. Any images (video or still) of a vehicle in the Reliez Valley neighborhood on 2/6 from 1500 to 1630 hours.

**Anyone with information regarding these crimes are asked to contact our investigators by telephone or through our Tipline at 94549Tip@gmail.com.**

**Prevention.** Although a burglary is never good, these residents had all done something to better protect their homes and their property. **The resident who had the stranger come to their door called us to report this quickly. JUST TERIFIC !** If anyone comes to your door and asks for directions to the freeway, call us immediately. This is a common ruse used by those who are going to burglarize your home. **The resident on Los Arabis Circle had activated their alarm system even though they were only going to be in the downtown. FANTASTIC !** An alarm that is not set does nothing to alert the police, or the crook that the police are on the way. This likely got the crooks running from the home. This likely led to the suspects leaving without having made entry to the home. **The resident on the Hermosa Way Burglary had placed their costume jewelry in the jewelry box as they had been asked to do by the police department. WONDERFUL !** The crooks did not get anything of value from the home. **Finally, the neighborhood association that serves the final home had recently installed a community camera system. That system records the vehicles and their license numbers as they enter and exit the neighborhood. HOORAY !** This camera image will likely lead to the case being solved and a suspect being taken into custody. The camera did exactly what the neighbors had installed it to do.

**E-Mail Alerts.** If you are a resident of the City of Lafayette and are not currently receiving our email alerts, please contact Chief Christensen at [echri@so.cccounty.us](mailto:echri@so.cccounty.us). Provide your name, street address and an email address. We want to make sure that all of our residents are aware of significant incidents and crime trends within our community.

**Nixle Alerts.** Residents who have not yet subscribed are urged to subscribe to our alerting system that we perform through the Nixle Alerting System. For significant incidents and disasters within the community, this is the primary system that will be used to provide our residents with information about incidents such as this one. You can subscribe to Nixle Alerts by visiting the Nixle Website ([www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)) - a free service for our residents.

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**PLEASE call us if you see suspicious individuals or vehicles in your business or neighborhood.**